

REMARKS

Claims 4-13, 15-40, 43-68, 70-81 and 83-88 are pending in the application. Claims 16-29 are allowed. Claims 45-50 are objected to. By entry of this Amendment, claims 1-15, 30-44 and 51-88 are canceled.

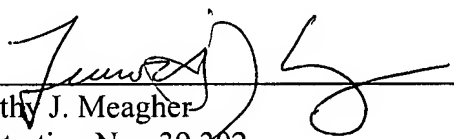
The Examiner maintained rejection of claim 44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Stump *et al.* To expedite prosecution of the application and without acquiescing to the rejection, the claims have been rewritten to place allowable subject matter in proper form for allowance. Applicant's reserve the right to file Continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that claims 16-29 and 45-50 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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